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TAGS: <u>EAIR PARM PREL MNUC KN SY AM KZ KG TI TX UZ</u> SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN RESPONSE TO SYRIAN OVERFLIGHT REQUEST: "WE WILL DENY SUCH A REQUEST IF WE RECEIVE ONE"

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Jennifer L. Brush for reasons 1. 4 (B), (C) and (D).

In response to reftel demarche, Turkmenistan's Foreign Affairs Deputy Chairman Rashit Meredov told Charge the Government of Turkmenistan would deny any such request, if it received one. Meredov said he had no news on this request, would look into it and inform Charge if such a request were made. Charge reminded Meredov Turkmenistan also had the option of allowing the aircraft to land and be inspected, but Meredov said the government's decision would be to deny the request, period. BRUSH